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## SMYRNA

Sunday, Nov. 17, 1918, the air was balmy as springtime, the frogs were chirping, dandelions were in bloom and a thunder shower helped to delude mortals into the belief that winter had passed while they were sleeping.

Mrs. Geo. Tebbel came down with the influenza Monday.

The Smyrna Friendship club will hold a meeting at Macabee hall on Thursday, Nov. 21.

Henry Harris and family have been entertaining company from Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hanks visited Chris Choate and Orin Hanks and families Sunday of last week.

Mrs. Ida Shaw was the guest of Mrs. Mary Gray Thursday.

Mrs. Chas. Richmond is quite sick. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hull can now boast of five great-great-grandchildren. A son was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Verne Armstrong of Lansing. Mrs. Hull says she started giving each of her great-great-grandchildren \$1, but she never thought so many dollars would be required. However, she says it with a smile and we believe she is proud of those grand babies and thinks "the more the merrier."

Hugo Gasper is sick with influenza. Mrs. Harold Gardner called on Mrs. George Hanks Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Condon and Mrs. Emma Lee motored to Grand Rapids Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Earle of Cook's Corners, Mrs. Maggie Beebe and Albert Russell called on Mrs. Robert Earle Sunday evening.

Mrs. Lizzie Hoppough and little granddaughter were Sunday guests of Mrs. Hattie Moe.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Downing of Ionia were Sunday visitors at the home of Ed. Insley and family.

Thos. Skellenger of McBrides called on Mrs. Eleanor Dicken and family Thursday. He took home with him a number of chickens.

Mrs. Sylvester Osborn received word that her uncle, Ruben Rich of Trufant died Monday morning, Nov. 11, after a long illness. He was 70 years old. A wife and step-daughter survive him. The funeral services were held Wednesday. Mr. Rich formerly resided in this locality and was well known here by all older residents.

Mrs. W. E. Williams and Mrs. F. E. Williams returned to their homes in Lansing Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hanks visited N. C. Douglas and family Wednesday. Mrs. Mary Gray was in Belding on Friday.

Mrs. A. B. Penton called on Mrs. Robert Earle Saturday.

Mrs. Hiram Olds received a card last week from her son, Lloyd, which stated that he would start Wednesday for France.

Mrs. Archie Woodruff, who has been quite sick, is some better.

Mrs. Delos Dicken of Belding was in Smyrna Sunday to attend the funeral of Chas. Dumon. After the funeral she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reeves until evening when they took her to her home.

Mrs. Jesse Mast is quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Wise of Belding and Miss Fannie Earle were guests of A. L. Hull and wife Wednesday.

Wm. Gardner is very feeble and lies on his couch the greater part of the day. We miss seeing him about town.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gardner left Saturday for Detroit. They may remain there all winter if they like it.

Herbert Mehery and wife and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Holcomb of Grand Rapids motored up near Six Lakes Sunday and visited with Frank Caswell and family.

Mrs. Lizzie Hoppough attended the meeting of the L. O. T. M. Saturday evening and the commander being absent, took the chair. It seemed good to the Lady Bess to have Mrs. Hoppough there once more.

Miss Fannie Earle was a Belding visitor Friday. She was the dinner guest of Mrs. Jake Laux.

Hugo Gasper has the material to put new roofs on his barn and house as soon as he has time.

The threshermen are nearly done with their work now and can soon settle down for the winter.

Mrs. Amos Russell and Mrs. Mary Tebbel called on Mrs. Robert Earle on Friday afternoon.

Russell Gais and mother, Mrs. Caroline Gais, motored down from Belding after the big celebration Monday and called on Alfred Davis and wife.

Elgin Condon, Mrs. Emma Lee and Louis Compton and wife were in Grand Rapids Saturday.

Mrs. Eleanor Dicken visited Mrs. A. L. Hull Thursday.

Miss Sadie Hinebaugh visited her home folks in Edmore Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hoppough motored to Grand Rapids Saturday for a visit with their son, Carl and family.

Orin Hanks of Brink brought 12 bushels of very nice potatoes to his brother, George Hanks Thursday.

Mrs. Herbert Mehery was a Belding visitor Friday.

Mrs. Bertha Coe called on Mrs. Stella Osborn Saturday.

Mrs. Catherine Russell called on Mrs. Eleanor Dicken Monday.

The little Misses Helen M. and Inez E. Earle were guests of Grandpa and Grandma Russell Saturday.

The Smyrna boys and girls and a number of the older girls (?) had a peace celebration Monday evening and they celebrated right merrily. If you don't believe they had a good time just ask them about it.

Mrs. Mary Tebbel, Mrs. John Tebbel, wife and son, Arlo joined the merry crowd in Belding last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hull and Herbert Mehery and wife were Sunday dinner guests of Albert Northway and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Orin Hanks of Brink were Sunday guests of George Hanks and wife.

Mrs. Rosella Dumon and son, Chas. Dumon of Evart were here to attend the funeral of Charles Dumon.

## OAKFIELD

We've had real April weather for the past week and April showers and we heard the frogs sing after the thunder shower last Sunday. We hope the mild weather will continue, so Mr. Farmer can get all of his fall work done.

Tom Jones and family went to Ensey Sunday to visit relatives.

W. Ellis and wife of Rockford came up Thursday evening and visited their daughter, Mrs. Tom Jones and family until Saturday evening.

Mrs. Will Deal and Mrs. Stults called on their neighbor, Mrs. Clark last week. They found her feeling quite well for an old lady. She was quite busy making apple butter, that good old fashioned kind.

Sam Stevens is a victim of that dreadful disease, paralysis and is confined to his bed. His left side is helpless.

Ernest Hart is looking after the family and outdoor work until other aid is procured. Last Thursday they had a bee and husked corn for Mr. Stevens. The family have the sympathy of their friends and neighbors.

Geo. McArthur and family of Harvard were Sunday visitors of their aunt, Mrs. H. S. Hill.

Mrs. Stults was the Sunday dinner guest of Mrs. Havens. After dinner and after the shower was over they called on Mrs. Sleno, finding her and Mr. Sleno quite poorly.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Holmden of near Greenville visited their daughter, Mrs. Clinton Braden and family Sunday.

Tom Watson is preparing to move his family to Greenville for the winter.

Alfred Peterson is remodeling his farm house.

Mr. and Mrs. Lew Dennis are up from Grand Rapids for a few days stay with her mother.

Here's to our Starry Banner, And to our boys over there, Long may they live in the hearts of the nation.

Wake up, rejoice, and be thankful that there will be peace on land and sea.

## SMOKY ROW

Mrs. A. C. Sherman of Grand Rapids is visiting Wm. Sparks and Charlie Crozier a few weeks.

Lewis Seeley and family, Otis Seeley and Miss Nellie Seeley visited Go. Davis and family Sunday in West Otisco.

Andrew Scheidt and Andrew Briemeyer visited at Anthony Briemeyer's Sunday.

Ernest Benton and wife visited Ed. Hotchkiss and wife Sunday.

Inez Marsh of Belding spent Saturday and Sunday with Ina Davis.

Floyd King of Camp Custer was home on a furlough from Saturday until Monday and spent the time at Ernest Benton's.

Fred Spencer and wife spent Sunday with friends in Grand Rapids.

Frank Tillotson and wife visited Wm. Leary and wife Thursday.

Ed. Hotchkiss and wife spent Sunday evening with Milo Towne and wife.

Oct. 20, 1918.

Dear Little Mother:

I have just got time to scribble a few lines so will try and get a letter out today. We had a fine trip down here and saw a lot of things I never expected to see; all that didn't go right was the cats. We had just two good meals all the way down here; we got to camp about 2 in the morning. They got up and got us some supper, but it tasted good. I don't like it here but it can't be helped.

We are quartered for two weeks and can't go any place at all, not even to the Y. M. C. A. or the canteen so I don't see much, only as they march out to drill or something like that. We get all we want to eat here and it is good; that is something we did not get at Houghton. It is so dusty here that when we march it is just like a sand storm. Well we thought we were engineers but I guess we are artillery men for this is an artillery camp; just a misplacement, camp, may stay six months; don't know but I don't want to stay any longer than I can help.

The officers are good but you know they are not like Michigan men. Well how are you and my dear old dad? Hope you both keep well as I am. I am fine and dandy.

Say, talk about corn. I saw more corn coming through Illinois and Indiana than I ever saw in my life put together and then when I got up in the morning we were up in the mountains in Kentucky and it was cold as

then we went down again into Tennessee it got warm and once again so on until we got here. We got off the train at Chicago and had exercise about 1-2 hour; one stop we were to get dinner at they would not feed us at all; we saw an airplane in Indianapolis up in the air. We saw another up while we were out drilling; it looks like war, believe me. I peace is declared may be I won't see France. It is nice down here only it is so dusty. How are the girls and boys? Tell Melvin hello and he ought to see the mules here. Say if I get a chance I will send you some raw cotton from the fields; saw a lot of it but couldn't get any. You know Dick Fultz or you remember of Floyd and I speak of him; he was sick on the train and left at Atlanta, Ga., at the hospital; did not hear what was the matter but he did not know anything when they took him from the train. We had a good fellow to bring us down here; his name was Batch, he was our lieutenant at Houghton. I will try and write once a week but don't have much time to write and sent several cards on the way down here but wrote in a hurry so did not get the address very good. Well they separated us all out so there is not more than 15 or 20 of the old men together now. I don't know of any more to write so will ring ff. Say write to me often won't you and send this letter to Floyd and tell Floyd to send it to Clayton. I don't get time to write to all. Tell Aunt Chas. to put it in the paper down there so all the folks can read it.

Sanley Sparks, Camp Jackson, Battery E, 13th Rgt., T. A. R. D.

The above letter is to Clayton Sparks from his brother, Stanley.

## NORTH EASTON

Mrs. Dey Holcomb was a Sunday caller of Mrs. Levi Krick.

Mrs. Brook Fuller of Ionia and Mrs. Ed. Vance were recent callers on Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bates.

Mrs. Levi Krick was a Thursday afternoon caller on Mrs. G. B. Prescott.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Prescott entertained for Sunday dinner at the home of A. H. Guernsey Mr. and Mrs. H. Lavern Choer and family the former's father, Henry Choer, all of Lowell.

Mrs. John Scott of Ionia is working for Mrs. Abbie Parmerter, Mrs. Frank Gott of Elmhurst was called here on account of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Parmerter; also a sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Holcomb of Stanton were called here.

Mrs. Stowell Smith of Chadwick was a Tuesday night and Wednesday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Krick; from there she went to Ionia for a visit with relatives and friends. She returned home Saturday accompanied by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Nellie Scott.

While out hunting D. E. Holcomb hurt his ankle and foot so badly he is obliged to go on crutches.

Mrs. M. F. Holcomb and Mrs. Sidney Tingley of Ionia and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Holcomb of Stanton visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Holcomb this week.

## CHADWICK

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Bolster, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wheeler and daughter, Elva, motored to Grand Rapids Saturday.

Albert Chadwick went to Ionia Friday night to spend Saturday with his sister, Mrs. Ben Banhagel.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Mason were called to Ionia Friday where their son is ill of influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Banhagel and daughters, Agnes and Dorothy spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Chadwick.

Mr. and Mrs. James Chadwick spent Sunday with their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Chas. Chadwick.

Mrs. Ben Hall and two grandchildren spent Sunday with Will Moore's folks.

The influenza has been visiting several homes in this vicinity.

Sunday callers at William Eickens' were Mate Antcliff and family, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Smith.

Leon Wheeler called on his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wheeler, Sunday.

## BRINK

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Leach visited Mr. and Mrs. David Ritter Friday evening.

Royal Davis of Smyrna visited Harold Cooper Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Anderson and son, Roy J., visited Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Howe Sunday and returned on Monday.

Mrs. Hite Eckert visited her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Hopkins of Greenville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Kilbourn and Miss Elizabeth Jennings of Belding and Miss Hazel Snow visited Mr. and Mrs. Milo Towne Sunday.

Mrs. Emery Chickering did house work for Mrs. M. L. Howe Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Skellenger of Belding visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Leach Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wiley visited Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Regan Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tallman of Fairplains and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilson and daughter Helen went to Grand Rapids Saturday.

Scott Howe visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Leach Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Phillips visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Courter near Saranac Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Snow visited Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Howe Wednesday.

Mrs. Mattie Moffatt of Belding visited the latter part of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Horton Soules.

Howard Hall is feeding a nice lot of cattle on his farm for market.

Mrs. Hite Eckert was a caller on Mrs. Leach Sunday morning.

Mrs. Sherman Hulbert and daughter, Lucy and Margaret Shattuck visited Mrs. M. L. Howe Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Leach visited Mr. and Mrs. John Kohn Sunday.

Misses Lydia and Leila Towne visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Towne Sunday.

## MURRAY LAKE

Mr. and Mrs. Orlo Weeks of Clarksville spent Monday and Tuesday with relatives at Moseley.

Mrs. Sarah Purdy and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kropf spent Monday evening with Clara Ford and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Ace Vandenberg were in Grand Rapids Wednesday.

Mrs. Glenn Ford and daughter spent Thursday with her mother, Mrs. H. D. Weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Frost spent Monday in Grand Rapids.

Those from Moseley who were in Grand Rapids Saturday were Mrs. Gageby, Misses Helen Andrews, Mabel Grannis, Cora Kropf, Dell Kropf, John Andrews and Earl Brown.

Miss Helen Andrews and Mrs. Will Engle spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Burr Davis.

## GRATTAN

Mrs. James Dixon spent Wednesday in Greenville.

Mrs. J. I. Weeks is entertaining her cousin, Mrs. Camel of Lowell.

Frank Matice who has spent several months in the west returned recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Geller were the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Geller last week.

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BELDING MICHIGAN

Mrs. Claude Elkins entertained her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tully and brother, Will Tully and family from Oakfield Friday.

On account of business matters related to war work it was impossible for Rev. Goodenough to be with us this week as was announced last week so the meeting will be postponed until further notice.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Donovan were called to Grand Rapids Sunday morning by the serious illness of their little grandson, Bruce Donovan.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlie Weller and daughter, Edna, visited at the home of Fred Howard at Cannonsburg Sunday.

We hope the ladies will all attend and help out at Red Cross meeting, as this work is very important and for a just cause and must be encouraged for some time. The welfare of our wounded and convalescing soldier boys depends largely on this society so let us all try and do our bit in making them comfortable as possible until they are able to return to their homes again. We have needed them in this great conflict and we

all should be willing and ready to respond to their needs whenever possible.

Manly Wolf has returned from Grand Rapids where he has been employed in the picnic acid plant for some time.

The Sunday school children and those willing to take part are requested to be present at the services Sunday evening to plan for Christmas tree exercises.

Word has been received that little Bruce Donovan passed away Sunday evening. Particulars next week.

# To the Man Who Has not yet Given

Do you realize that upon your shoulders will rest the ignominy if the Michigan Patriotic Fund Drive in Ionia County is not a success?

Do you realize that if you have not given your full share to this great war work campaign that you will have no right to share in the glory of that hour when our boys come marching home?

Do you realize that at the end of one week's campaign only one township in this county has gone over the top?

Do you realize that this drive is going to continue until every township has raised the full quota that has been assigned to it?

## Don't be a Tearful Giver, But a Cheerful Giver

Do not neglect the plain duty that you owe our own Ionia county boys that helped to fight your battles and make possible this day a world at peace.

It is your duty to find out how your own township stands. If your community is still lacking, is any part of that failure your fault?

President Wilson and the National War Board, fully anticipating peace, agreed that the amount now being raised will be needed during the process of reconstruction. It is just as necessary as that you give now as it was during those days when the Hun was pounding upon the gates of civilization.

Have you given your share? The time of the men who are soliciting these funds is just as valuable as your own. Don't expect them to hunt you out, but go today and do your manifest duty.

So far Ionia county has gone over the top in every instance. We must not fail now—we must continue 100 per cent American.

Let us fill the Patriotic Fund of this county by over subscription, so there will also be funds sufficient to obviate the necessity of conducting a separate campaign for the Red Cross that has been set for next spring.

# YOU OWE IT TO THE BOYS

## Ionia County Division Michigan Patriotic Fund